WINNERS IN THE Area 12 Winter Special Olympics are, front row, left to right: Glenda Moseley, Juanita Mosely, Tina Fitch, Mary Jones. Back row, left to right, Walter Johnson, Bobbie Robinson, Jesse Broggin, Ms. Gunnell.

WINNERS IN THE Area 12 Winter Special Olympics are, front row, left to right, Don Fleshman, James Broggin, Thelma Wheeler and Kent Bailey. Second row, left to right, Sandra Mosely, Sharon Abbitt, Betty Morgan, Nvanla Trent, Sheila Jones, and Robert Christian. Third row, left to right, Roger Abbitt, Karoy Jones, Marvin Cox, James Rose, Marion Fleshman, and Joseph Robertson.

WINNERS IN AREA 12 Winter Special Olympics are, Steve Clark, Barbara Broggin, Alvin Walker, Kenneth Davidson and Ronald Reed.

Olympians cited for efforts

Twenty-nine Special Olympians from Appomattox competed in the Area 12 basketball meet held at Lynchburg College Saturday, December 6.

Each participant received a T-shirt, participants ribbon and certificate in addition to the place ribbons they won.

Following the meet the Olympians enjoyed lunch at Burger King in Appomattox.

Each Olympian was placed in divisions according to age and ability, listed below are the Special Olympians and the place ribbon they won. Appomattox can be proud of the 12 first, 8 second and 9 third place ribbons our Olympians won.

Elementary School

Sharon Abbitt, 3rd
Sheild Jones, 1st
Yvonia Trent, 2nd
Betty Morgan, 1st
Marvin Cox, 3rd
Karvy Jones, 1st
Roger Abbitt, 3rd
Kent Bailey, 2nd

Tina Fitch, 3rd
Juanita Mosley, 1st
Glenda Mosley, 3rd
Mary Jones, 1st

Barbara Broggin, 2nd
Steve Clark, 1st
Appomattox Garment Co.
Gail Ragland, 3rd

Thelma Wheeler, 1st
Sandra Mosley, 3rd
Marion Fleshman, 1st
James Rose, 1st
James Broggin, 2nd
Robert Christian, 3rd
Don Fleshman, 1st
Joseph Robertson, 1st

Middle School

Bobbie Robinson, 3rd
Walter Johnson, 2nd
Jesse Broggin, 1st

High School

Donald Reed, 2nd
Alvin Walker, 2nd

The Appomattox County Special Olympics would like to express their thanks to the following chaperones for their assistance on the trip: Bea Hudson, Bobbie Gunnell, Nancy Goodman, Laurie Harwood, Judy Wright, Annnie and Virginia Jones, Tom Bowman, Jimi Hill, T. C. Jones and Evelyn Ford.

Season's Greetings

To Our many friends near and far away . . . Due to sickness we are taking this method of expressing our gratitude and thanks for your expressions of love and concern during the year. Therefore, we extend to all of our relatives and friends, local churches, associations and organizations a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR filled with health and happiness.

With love and best wishes,
REV. AND MRS. R. Q. LAWING, SR.

Bartelts make their own toys

(Cont'd from page B-1)

Mary Bartelt always involved in some kind of project that puts to use their artistic ability and creativity, their children are following in their footsteps.

Jeannice, 12 loves to write poetry. She writes other things too. She won an award in the FTD Florist national contest on her pet plant. Among other things she said about her plant,... my pet plant likes to be scratched under the chin.

Celeste, 9, made a papermache peacock and entered it in the Channel 10 'Proud as A Peacock' contest. She won.

The Bartelt children think nothing of writing a play, getting together the props and presenting it for 'drop-in guest. They write and illustrate stories.

A visit to the Bartelt home and you wonder.... what will they do next?

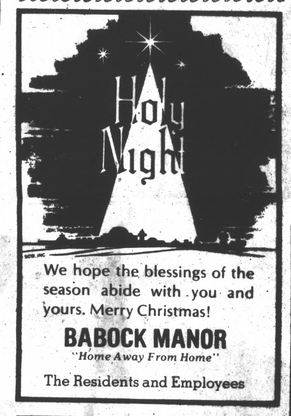
Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate His Birth, we pause to study the true meaning of Christmas. Best of the season to you and your family.
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
From
V.A. VOLTURO & FAMILY

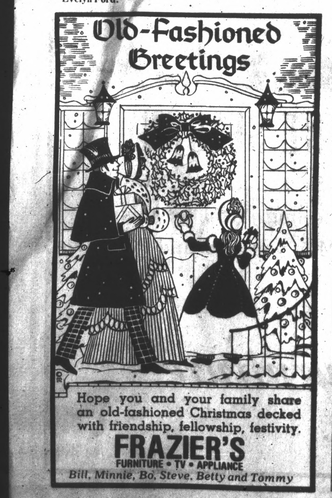
Holiday Greetings

To our many wonderful friends and patrons, sincere best wishes for the holidays and a "Thank you!" for your patronage!

From All of Us
At
PAMPLIN EXXON SERVICENTER
HIGHWAY 460 – PAMPLIN, VA. PH: 248-5330

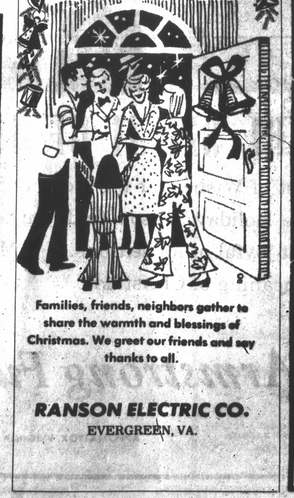


We hope the blessings of the season abide with you and yours. Merry Christmas!
BABOCK MANOR
"Home Away From Home"
The Residents and Employees



Old-Fashioned Greetings

Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.
FRAZIER'S
FURNITURE • TV • APPLIANCE
Bill, Minnie, Bo, Steve, Betty and Tommy



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Families, friends, neighbors gather to share the warmth and blessings of Christmas. We greet our friends and say thanks to all.
RANSON ELECTRIC CO.
EVERGREEN, VA.

GREETINGS

Over the fields and through the snow-covered countryside go our warmest Christmas wishes. In this tradition, we greet our friends and customers, with hopes for your holiday happiness, and with genuine appreciation for your good will.
Central Fidelity Bank
MAIN STREET AND HILLCREST BRANCH APPOMATTOX

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A LIVELY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX

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Pamplin gets U.S. recognition

Raymond and Nancy Dickerson came to the end of a long road this month, when they received word that their Pamplin Pipe Factory had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Dickersons received a letter Dec. 17 from the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission notifying them that the federal government had accepted and approved the pipe factory's nomination to the National Historic Register.

On receipt of the letter, Dickerson released a written statement regarding the development: "On Dec. 17, we received notice that the Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory has been recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. We take this opportunity to say thank you to all the persons who helped make this feat possible by support, encouragement, and information regarding the factory. This we feel is an asset to Appomattox County, being the third such historical site listed for this county."

The Historic Register listing is the result of four years of hard work on the part of the Dickersons. Their goal, national recognition, was expedited this past June when they received word that the factory had been put on the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register, and that the state Historic Landmarks Commission would endorse the pipe factory's nomination to the National Register.

The Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory, which was in full operation from 1879 until 1951, was purchased by the Dickersons in 1976. They began at that time restoring the structures on the site, which had once housed the largest clay pipe factory in the United States.

Dickerson's fascination extends back further than 1976, however. He says he has been interested in clay pipes and the Pamplin Pipe factory since 1964.

Before he and his wife purchased the site from Charlie Ranson, he had done extensive research into the history of the clay pipe in Pamplin.

During its peak production years, the Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory produced as many as one million pipes per month. Dickerson notes that the original factory was built by an Ohio firm specializing in pipes. The Pamplin location was chosen because the clay in that area is ideal for making pipes.

Dickerson points out that researchers know pipe manufacturing existed as a "cottage industry" long before the pipe factory was built, and possibly as far back as the early 1700s.

There is also some evidence that a clay pipe factory existed on the Dickerson property before 1879, but lack of records due to a fire at the county courthouse during that period of time has made this supposition difficult to substantiate.

Many legends existed about the clay pipe factory in Pamplin, and Dickerson, before he purchased the site, set out to separate fact from fiction. He spent countless hours interviewing older residents of the area who had some recollections of the factory when its operations were in full swing.

Much of the information he gathered in this research, as well as facts gleaned from research already published about clay pipes, were combined and put into booklet form by Dickerson.

With the sum total of his and others' research into the clay pipe industry in America and in Pamplin, Dickerson approached the state Historic Landmarks Commission with the intention of having the Appomattox County site listed.

His task, convincing the state people that the Pamplin site merited recognition, was not an easy one. As he pointed out in a June 26 Times-Virginian story, "many historic sites in Virginia and across the nation are candidates for the Historic Register. The people at the Historic Landmarks Commission were not very encouraging."

But Dickerson was persistent. He wrote letters, made phone calls, and when his letters or calls were not answered, he wrote more letters and made more phone calls.

Finally, after close review by the state, the Dickersons received word in June that their museum had been put on the state register, and recommended for nomination to the national register.

Placement on the National Historic Register will qualify the Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory for federal funds, which the Dickersons hope to use in restoring the brick kiln in which the pipes were fired.

But, as far as Raymond and Nancy Dickerson are concerned, the true value of the National Register listing lies in the realization of a dream, and in the recognition it will give the town of Pamplin and Appomattox County.

"It was our dream from the beginning," Nancy said this week, "that some day the factory would be recognized nationally as a place of historic importance. And with that recognition, the town of Pamplin in Appomattox County would have something of national significance."

RAYMOND AND NANCY DICKERSON read the notification that the Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Events of 1980 as seen in the *Times-Virginian*

By BILL SHERROD

The year 1980 has been a newsy one for Appomattox County and the Times-Virginian, with headlines covering everything from sewer systems to proposed teacher's salaries increases. Following are some news highlights, as gleaned from the front pages of the year's issues.

The year started with a new owner for the Times-Virginian, as the Jan. 3 issue announced the sale of the paper to Atlantic Publications, Inc.

The first issue of 1980 also reported the Town Council's approval of a $292,379 budget, increased $19,301 from 1979.

While Appomattox County was recovering from a nine-inch snowfall reported in the Jan. 10 issue, Mayor Ronnie Spiggle and Town Manager Bill Britton were preparing to travel to Chestertown, Md., with a delegation of area officials to examine an overland-flow system, as reported in the Jan. 24 issue.

In that issue also, Appomattox learned that Harry Gordon Lawson had been appointed to the statewide 54-member committee to re-elect President Jimmy Carter.

The month ended on a sad note, with news in the Jan. 31 issue that two local men, James Petty Ayers and Charlie Evans Mayberry, had died in a train-auto crash on the Norfolk and Western rail line parallel to Route 460.

February was a month of more snow for Appomattox County, and the County was saddened with the news that Mrs. Eloise Alvis Wheeler, who wrote the Stonewall news for the Times-Virginian for 17 years, had passed away.

The Feb. 21 issue reported that a new blood-donor record had been set during that month's visit of the bloodmobile, with 152 units being given by Appomattox Countians.

George E. Jones and Sons, Inc., of Amherst submitted the low bid for a new town water system, according to a story in the Feb. 28 issue of the Times-Virginian. In that issue, also, it was noted that coach Coty Dickerson of Appomattox had been named to 'Who's Who Among American High School Baseball Coaches.'

A small plane which crashed three miles south of town was the lead story in the March 6 issue of the paper, and in that issue also Appomattox town residents learned that there would be a contest for the town council elections, as seven candidates filed before the deadline for the six-seat election.

On March 13, readers learned that Appomattox County Sheriff Gene Richardson had participated in "Operation Pilot," a police undercover operation which broke up a stolen-goods ring based in Lynchburg.

The Board of Supervisors voted against preliminary plans for a 48-unit federally subsidized apartment complex, according to a story in the March 20 Times-Virginian. The following week, the paper carried a story on plans for the county's first litter cleanup campaign.

Virginian Attorney General Marshall Coleman visited Appomattox in April and impressed the Lions Club with his speech advocating reforms in the relationship between state and federal government, as reported in the April 10 issue of the paper. Also that month, design plans were approved for the proposed Route 460 bypass at Appomattox, a $13.835 million project, which will not begin until "funds are available."

The May 8 issue of the paper was packed with news: Mayor Ronnie Spiggle and Town Manager Bill Britton had testified before U. S. Congress on behalf of the National League of Cities in an effort to have federal sewer regulations for small towns reassessed. Also in that issue, town residents learned that newcomers Buddy Carson and Ray Noble had been elected to town council, along with incumbents R. L. Bass, T. E. Conner, R. C. Hubbard, and T. W. Lawson. Candidate Patricia Butler was defeated in the election. Mayor Spiggle was re-elected without opposition.

Pamplin got a new mayor in the town elections, as well. Jim Webb took over the town reins from Jim Williams, and J. M. Inge, T. C. Ligon, R. P. Lucado, M. E. Payne, W. L. Trimyer and G. W. Young were all elected to the Pamplin Council.

The May 15 issue carried the sad news that Pamela Dawn Fuller, a 16-year-old student at ACHS, had died as a result of injuries sustained when a transfer truck struck a school bus on Route 460 near Spout Spring.

Also in that issue, readers learned that J.E. Jamerson and Sons of Appomattox had submitted the low bid for work on a new jail for the county.

In the last issue of May, the paper reported on the arrest of a man in connection with the homicide of Cassandra Daphne Berry of Spout Spring. The May 29 issue also carried news of 19 seniors at the high school named to the honor graduates' list.

The first issue of June brought news that 72 workers had been laid off at Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox. The June 12 issue carried a story on the problems residents were having with their cable television, and the proposed solutions as outlined by Stanley Deimler, one of the owners of Arco, Inc., the cable television company.

Rumors that Town Manager Bill Britton would resign his post here in favor of the County Administrator's job in Prince Edward were squelched in the June 26 paper, when Britton said he is happy to be in Appomattox and wans to stay here.

Readers also discovered in that issue that the Pamplin Clay Pipe Factory had been placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register, that Appomattox Elementary School had a new principal, Tom Bowmann, and that Kenneth Charles Huff had been arrested for allegedly shooting at the home of Commonwealth's Attorney W. Sam Kerr in the early morning hours of June 19.

The summer drought was the subject of much coverage during July, when temperatures reached 100 degrees or more during the week preceding the July 24 issue, and the Mayor and Council asked residents of Appomattox to voluntarily conserve the town's water. In the July 31 issue, the paper announced that Appomattox was one of 42 counties and towns in Virginia eligible for FmHA crop disaster loans because of the drought.

Another weather anomaly, a tornado, made headlines in the July 17 issue, when a twister came down on the farm of John and William Hix, damaging farm buildings and trees, and killing some livestock.

In sports news, readers learned that the Appomattox Babe Ruth baseball team had won the District I tournament in South Boston, as reported in the July 24 issue.

With school rapidly approaching, school officials ub the county set to work on a plan to improve the student attendance record, as reported in the July 31 issue.

August was ushered in with news that Mrs. Elpsie Walker Holmes had donated $13,000 toward the fellowship hall fund at Gravel Hill Baptist Church. In the Aug. 14 issue, readers learned that five people had been arrested in connection with a vandalism spree in which 60 mailboxes had been damaged, and the next week the paper carried a picture of the newly painted bleachers at the AMS football field, where the Raider football team would begin its football season in a few weeks.

A Civil War cannon valued at $25,000 captured the lead headline in the Aug. 28 issue of the paper. The cannon, property of the state highway department, was going to be moved from Appomattox to the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, against the wishes of some Appomattox Countians, who wanted the weapon to stay in Appomattox, where it had been since 1932.

A Newark, De., man drowned in Holiday Lake Aug. 31, as reported in the Sept. 4 issue of the paper. Also in that issue, readers learned that residents of Appomattox had donated $2,700 in the annual Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Sunday sales of beer and wine in the town were nixed following an emotion-filled public hearing at the Town Council meeting in September, according to an article in the Sept. 11 issue. Around 100 people turned out to voice their opposition to the prospects of Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages at the hearing.

The Sept. 18 issue carried the story of Dana McGrath, an ACHS student who had been named Miss Five-County Fair, and the story of Robert Lewis Stephenson, a 30-year-old state trooper who died tragically in a motorcycle accident.

October was a relatively happy month in Appomattox, according to the front pages of the Times-Virginian. The volunteer rescue squad launched its yearly fundraising drive and surpassed its goal of $15,700, and the Historical Park received a $57,000 grant from the estate of Gary Stuart Cheatham, so that the spot where Gen. Robert E. Lee bade farewell to his troops could receive proper recognition.

Also in October, the Railroad Festival was again a success, and Stephanie Ferguson was elected Homecoming Queen at the high school.

The presidential election got top billing in this and other newspapers around the country the first week of November, and Appomattox Countians followed suit with most of the rest of the nation, favoring Ronald Regan over Jimmy Carter by a vote of 2,540 to 1,492.

Agricultural Extension work celebrated its 70th anniversary in Appomattox during the month of November, and Arco, Inc., got a second chance to live up to its contract agreements from the town Mayor and Council.

Bill Dudley was cited by the Woodmen of the World as "Outstanding Citizen" in the Dec. 4 issue of the paper, and readers learned that a Concord man, Daniel McKinley Wooldridge, had been brutally murdered at his home the night of Nov. 29. Police had identified two suspects and arrested one in the case by the time the next issue came out, but the other suspect, Robert Edward Lamberth of Roanoke, was still at large.

The Dec. 11 issue also carried a story about a local man, Mark James Wooten, who had been arrested in connection with the suspected arson at Thalheimers in Lynchburg's River Ridge Mall.

Teachers' salaries were the lead story in the Dec. 18 issue of the paper, when a huge crowd jammed the school board office to request a 15 percent pay hike for the 1981-82 school session. Also in that issue, readers learned that Kenneth Charles Huff, accused of shooting at the home of Commonwealth's Attorney Sam Kerr, had been convicted and sentenced to eight years in prison by an Appomattox County Circuit Court Jury.

With Christmas but a day away, the Dec. 24 issue carried holiday greeting from many businesses and individuals in Appomattox, but was not without its sad note: Lou Rogers, longtime teacher in Appomattox, had died the previous week after 39 years of teaching in the county.

Fires ravage homes

Two homes and a house trailer were destroyed in fires in the Appomattox area last week, according to Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Department.

A house trailer near Promise Land Baptist Church burned completely Dec. 23 at 9:05 p.m., according to the fire department. Two units and 16 men responded to the call from the Appomattox Department.

Christmas day saw two homes burned completely, but there were no injuries reported in either fire. At 3 p.m., ten men responded to a call for a fire at the home of James "Doe" Elder near Evergreen. The family was not at home when the fire started, and the house was engulfed in flame when the firemen arrived. It was declared a total loss.

Later Christmas day, at 6:45 p.m., the Appomattox fire department was called to provide backup for a fire at Bent Creek, in which another home was totally destroyed. Again, no one was home when the fire started, and the firemen arrived as the fire consumed the building.

Five other fire calls, one in which a car was destroyed during Monday's ice storm, were recorded last week, according to the local fire department. A spokesman for the department said this is an "unusually high" number of fire calls for a single week.

Last week's calls brought the total number of fire calls for December to 14, and 87 to date, two less than at the same time last year.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Some of our readers, especially the younger set, may have wanted a White Christmas. I'll settle by saying that it was a near perfect holiday season, marred by ice and slick travel conditions Sunday. Lots of people did not get to church Sunday. Our town was quiet as a sleeping mouse most of the day.

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Often one hears the expression, "they do not make'em like they used to." Well for a few minutes, around 7 p.m. Saturday, we saw snowflakes and they looked to me to be the same they have always been. Look prettier when you are snug and warm inside.

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One big help in Winter is the accurate forecasting of the weatherman. We have had that and had our chance to be prepared.

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Got out the welcome mat a few days ago when Rick Wingfield came by for a nice visit. He flew in to Norfolk from the Persian Gulf area. This outstanding Appomattox serviceman is a VMI grad has been stationed on an escort vessel with one of our big aircraft carriers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wingfield, and will report back for duty on the West Coast. Rick was most knowledgeable about current events, voted in the recent election, keeps up with local Appomattox events and we sing a verse of No. 88 in his honor.

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Also by to see me and other friends here was Aubrey Edmonds, of Lawrenceville, who worked several years for us at The Times-Virginian. Mrs. Edmunds was the former Betty Ferguson, of Appomattox, and they have four sons. Aubrey runs a printing shop in Lawrenceville, owns and operates a cleaning business and teaches printing classes at Lawrenceville H. S. Busy schedule, I'd say.

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Appomattox will be well represented in post-season bowl football. Bill Jamerson, former star at VPISU, will be an official in the Gator Bowl game at Jacksonville. His son, Phil, will play with the Hokies in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta. He is a guard. And in addition, several local fans have Peach Bowl tickets.

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Thanks, Someone mailed Father Darkleaf a copy of The Raider Report, school paper of ACHS.

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Gee, the fire alarm is sounding as I write this. Please be careful and do not give fires and accidents a chance to bring disaster.

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Time for New Year Resolutions. Do you make'em? Or keep'em? Maybe many New Year Resolutions are broken because they aim too high. I'll only resolve to do my best in every situation that comes up. And maybe stick in a resolution to do better in my feeble gardening efforts. Our town and county should resolve to grow as a business center, to have jobs for those able to work, to serve tourists, support our schools and churches and civic clubs, help The Raiders and keep building a reputation as a solid friendly town built upon a foundation of Christian homes and families.

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Nice Christmas note from the Bill Buckseys family in House Springs, Mo. Mrs. Bucksey is the former Hilda Mitchell. Also the G. L. Koos family in Tangent, Oregon. Mrs. Koos is the former Virginia Christian, of Appomattox. One of the holiday joys is to hear from old friends and I approve of writing notes and messages on greetings.

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Let's get it done, in '81. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Pamplin tags on sale now

1981 automobile tags for the Town of Pamplin will go on sale January 2, 1981. Tags must be purchased by January 31.

The Town Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday only through January. After January, the office will be open on Wednesday afternoon only.

Real estate and Personal Property Taxes must be paid before tags can be purchased.

Legion kicks off fundraiser

American Legion Post 104 will hold its annual sale of 1982 calendars and other advertising materials used as promotional items in business on Monday and Tuesday, January 5 and 6, 1981 in the American Legion Building.

The public is invited to view the display from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days.

This is a major fund-raising project for the local American Legion. You pay the same price you would pay any other representative for this type of promotional material and the Legion benefits only from the salesman's commission.

Legion officials request businesses who purchase this type of material to visit the display or call 352-7138 for further information.